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WEB ALERT

"Election Campaign Financing: Accountability and Transparency"

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ARTICLES & REPORTS

"Global Trends in the Regulation of Political Finance"

[Magnus Ohman](#). *International Foundation for Electoral Systems Conference Paper*, February 2011, 23 pages.

The author examines the role of money in politics, and in particular, certain efforts by countries around the world to regulate this role. This paper is limited to two areas, namely disclosure requirements and the provision of direct public funding, and focus is given to political parties rather than candidates for public election.

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"Small Donors, Big Democracy: New York City's Matching Funds as a Model for the Nation and States"

[Michael J. Malbin](#) and [Peter W. Brusoe](#). The Campaign Finance Institute, December 13, 2010, 25 pages.

The authors discuss their research on the dramatic impact that public matching funds can have on the role of small donors in election financing.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/1aW6V> [PDF format; 105KB]



"Reform in an Age of Networked Campaigns: How to Foster Citizen Participation Through Small Donors and Volunteers"

[Anthony Corrado](#), et al. The Campaign Finance Institute, American Enterprise Institute and the Brookings Institution, January 2010, 66 pages.

Relying on lessons from the record-shattering U.S. Presidential 2008 elections and the rise of Internet campaigning, this report offers a new vision of how campaign finance and communications policy can help further democracy through broader participation.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/exXrw> [PDF format; 3.69KB]

"Better Parties, Better Government: A Realistic Program for Campaign Finance Reform"

[Peter J. Wallison](#) and [Joel M. Gora](#). American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, April 2009, 188 pages.

The authors examine the complex tangle of laws, rules, regulations, exceptions, exemptions, and safe harbors that constitute the current campaign finance regime in the United States, and explain how to reform the system with a single change: ending the restrictions on spending by political parties in support of their candidates.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/Gq7rQ> [PDF format; 664KB]

"Corporate Spending in Elections"

[Thomas E. Mann](#). *The Brookings Video Podcast# 60*, May 7, 2010.

The author, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, examines the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that allows unlimited campaign spending by corporations and how congressional Democrats are seeking a bill to blunt the decision's impact.

Video only; no caption; no transcript. Available online at <http://goo.gl/2VjZk> [6:40; 62MB]

WEB RESOURCES

American Enterprise Institute

<http://www.aei.org/>

The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research is a private, nonpartisan, not-for-profit institution dedicated to research and education on issues of government, politics, economics, and social welfare.

The Campaign Finance Institute

<http://www.cfinst.org>

Founded in 1999, the Campaign Finance Institute (CFI) is a non-partisan, non-profit institute affiliated with The George Washington University which has successfully established its reputation as the nation's pre-eminent think tank for campaign finance policy.

Cato Institute

<http://www.cato.org/>

The Cato Institute is a non-profit public policy research foundation headquartered in Washington, D.C. that seeks to broaden the parameters of public policy debate to allow for consideration of the traditional American principles of limited government, individual liberty, free markets and peace.

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)

<http://www.ifes.org>

IFES promotes democratic stability by providing technical assistance and applying field-based research to the electoral cycle in countries around the world to enhance citizen participation and strengthen civil societies, governance and transparency.

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